MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha cum Devicolam*): May I know whether after the issue of that circular any Departmental Head has made any new appointments?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government have no information.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know when the Public Service Commissioner pointed out to Government instances of new appointments made by Heads of Departments?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): On the 6th of February 1936.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether in that report he makes mention of any special department?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes. He has made special reference to the Police Department.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether there are any appointments made by the head of any department after that date which has not been approved by the Public Service Commissioner?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government have no information.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): May I know whether any disciplinary action has been taken against these officers?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No, Sir.

Backward Communities.

306 *MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have granted any concession in the matter of age-limit to candidates from the backward communities in education so as to enable them to enter the Public Service of the State?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The member is referred to Rule 16 (2) (*f*) of the Travancore Public Service Recruitment Rules—1111, published in the issue of the Gazette dated the 18th February 1936.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): May I know the percentage of literacy of the Muslims in the State?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It is less than the minimum fixed in the rule and so the Muslim is a backward community.

The Public Service Commissioner.

307. *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) when the Public Service Commissioner took charge of his duties;

(*b*) what all appointments he made since he took charge;

(*c*) upon what basis he makes appointments;

(*d*) who helps him in the matter of selection of the candidates; and

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(*e*) whether the Public Service Commissioner himself makes the appointments or the Government make appointments upon the recommendation of the Public Service Commissioner?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 10th July 1935.

(*b*) The Commissioner has not made any appointments except in his own office. But he has advised Government on the following appointments:

1	Assistant Surgeon attached to the Education Department.
2	Peons in the Agriculture and Fisheries Department.
16	Inspectors in the Co-operative Department.
2	Clerks Do.
2	Clerk-typists Do.
13	Peons Do.

(*c*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*b*).

(*d*) The final selection of the candidates so far recruited was made by Government and the Heads of Departments concerned, in consultation with the Public Service Commissioner.

(*e*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*d*).

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know who makes the preliminary selection in the matter of recruitment?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Commisioner, Sir.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know how he makes it?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): According to the rules.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether in the recent appointments, in the matter of preliminary selection the Public Service Commissioner has adhered to the rules as well as to the notifications in the Government Gazette?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. S. J NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether he issued memos to all the candidates who have applied for appointment and got them down to his office or any other place and had any interview or any sort of examination for the selection?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): He granted interviews to some who he thought must be interviewed. He did not interview all the applicants.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know why he interviewed only a few for the selection?

PRESIDENT: That is what is done everywhere.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know how the Public Service Commissioner selected the competent hands from ever so many other applicants?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): On the basis of the certificates produced by the applicants.

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MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether the Government are aware that for the efficient working of the Public Service Commissioner there is necessity for the appointment of an Advisory Committee composed of non-officials?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) ; It is a matter of opinion,

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether Government are aware that there is such a Committee in British India ?

PRESIDENT : How does that question arise ?

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : May I know whether independent of the recommendation of the Public Service Commissioner, Government have appointed anybody direct in any department ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHANA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know the reasons for such deviation ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Government have reserved the right to make such appointments when absolutely necessary.

PRESIDENT : The rules provide for that.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : May I know whether there is any special reason for empowering Government to do so ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Government thought it necessary to do so and hence provision has been made in the rules.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*) : With reference to the sixteen Inspectors appointed in the Co-operative Department, apart from those made on the basis of three years' acting service, may I know the communities to which they belong ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : There is one belonging to the South Indian United Church, one to the Latin Catholic community, one to the Nair community and one to the Ezhava community. Temporary Inspectors and those who had put in more than three years acting service were confirmed as provided for in the rules.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*) : With regard to the four persons, may I know how many got their places on the 60 per cent. basis and how many on the basis of 40 per cent ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The one belonging to the South Indian United Church community and one Nair got in on the 60 per cent. basis and the Latin Catholic and the Ezhava on the 40 per cent. basis.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*) : In the case of the Ezhava candidate referred to, may I know whether he has got any acting service ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : No, not this particular person.

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MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil*) : May I know whether he is a fresh hand?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

Appointments in the Co-operative Department.

308 * **MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) how many persons were appointed in the Co-operative Department by the Public Service Commissioner ;

(*b*) whether the vacancies in the Co-operative Department were notified by the Public Service Commissioner in the Government Gazette ;

(*c*) how many applicants submitted applications on the strength of the notification ;

(*d*) amongst the applicants, how many were males and how many females ;

(*e*) whether any competitive examination was held in selecting the candidates and making the appointments ; and

(*f*) whether they will be pleased to lay on the table a statement containing the names, qualification, caste, etc., of the applicants?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) 16 Inspectors, 2 Clerks, 2 Clerk-Typists and 13 Peons were appointed on the advice of the Public Service Commissioner.

(*b*) Yes. The information is contained in the Public Service Departmental sheet of the Travancore Government Gazette dated 14th January 1936/1st Makaram 1111.

(*c*) 959.

(*d*) Males 945 and females 14.

(*e*) No.

(*f*) The time and labour involved in preparing the statement are out of all proportion to the public utility served by it.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know, without holding any competitive examination, how the Public Service Commissioner has made the recommendation ?

M. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : By considering the particulars contained in the application.

Competitive Examination for recruitment to Public Service.

309 * **MR. N. JOHN JOSEPH** (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether the depressed class Hindus and Christians are exempted by the Public Service Commissioner from the competitive examinations ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The member is referred to G. O. R. Dis. No. 893/Genl., dated 25-6-1935, on Public Service Recruitment, and the Rules on the subject, published in the issues of the Gazette dated 25-6-1935 and 18-2-1936, respectively.

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